#### President Ham Deciares Strain Did Not Cause Electricity Stoppage Yesterday.

In an effort to devise remedia measures for the prevention of further breakdowns in the electric power of this city, William F. Ham, president of the Potomac Electric Power Company, attended a special meeting of the board of governors of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association

"I realize," said Mr. Ham, "the unfortunate effect of these breakdowns in our service on the city. I realize it as well as any merchant. The breakdown yesterday was in the Benning plant. We deplore this kind of interruption in the service."
In explanation of the Jong period without power yesterday, Mr. Ham said that repairs were necessary to a said that repairs were necessary to a large part of the apparatus. He pointed out the human element in making repairs, and said that sometimes a job that should take only twenty minutes to complete would take twice as long.

President Phillip King of the association questioned Mr. Ham as to what plans the Potomac Electric Power Co. had made to prevent future shutdowns.

ture shutdowns. Machinery Failed to Function. In answer, Mr. Ham said that th

Washington plant was one of the most efficient in the country and that accidents such as occurred yesterday were liable to happen to the best regulated machinery. He said that there was no question of overload at the time of the breakdown, and that the time of the breakdown, and that it was simply a case of machinery failing to function.

"Our heaviest load," said Mr. Ham, "is only about 62,000 kilowats and our capacity is 87,000, so that we have a margin of safety of 25,00 kilowats, which is sufficient for any emergency. It is far more than a great many other cities carry. How-

great many other cities carry. How-ever, the breakdown yesterday was unavoidable and not due to any strain on the machinery."

Mr. Ham was questioned as to the advisability of installing a duplicate set of switchboards and apparatus, so that if a breakdown occurred the new set could be switched in. Mr. Ham said that in any small

breakdown the Benning plant had sufficient reserve to take care of it, but that in a case such as yesterday there was nothing to do but to shut all the power off and repair the ap-

Capital Not Lacking.

"It is not lack of funds for build-ing and improvement of the plant that is causing these breakdowns," said Mr. Ham, "as up to the present time we have been able to get suffi-cient capital to expand with the

growth of the city.

"Since July, 1917, we have added 40,000 kilowatts to the Benning plant at a cost of \$2,000,000. It can be seen from this that almost half of seen from this that almost half of our total power is the most modern obtainable and that every effort is being made to give the city of Washington maximum service."

Ten million dollars will be needed in the next ten years to take care of the growth of the city in electric power, according to Mr. Ham, and in the next year and one-half a new plant will have to be built.

Called Strange Accident.

nt when the accident happened, arrived in time to assist in location the trouble and adjusting it. according to Mr. Sinclair, the standard was running in smooth order en, without warning, the oil switch

bine on to two other machines, which immediately put them out of business. The station force, unable to find a short circuit or evidence of an accident, was martidened. nt, was mystified as to the cau the trouble until discovery was le of the open oil switch. It took

# K. OF C. ABANDON INQUIRY IN IRELAND

NEW YORK, December 31.-Abandiment of the Knights of Columbus investigation into reports of starvation among the children of Ireland, instituted at the request of Herbert Hoover, has been announced today by Joseph C. Pelletier, supreme advocate of the order. At the outset of the inveitigation, Mr. Pelletier declared, it
was learned that the adult population

was suffering from lack of feed and leavenworth, it was announced today was suffering from lack of food, and as the scope of Mr. Hoover's work extended only to children, plans were considered for alleviating the suffer-

considered for alleviating the suffering among the adults.

While these plans were in a formative state, he said, an announcement was made that a relief committee had been organized for immediate relief work among all classes in Ireland. The scope of work proposed by the new committee obviated the necessity of further efforts by the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Pelletier asserted.

The first unit of American murses for service in Ireland, comprising 100 volunteers, was formed here tonight by Dr. Gertrude Kelly. A cable message sent to Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork said:

DUBLIN, December 30.-A third in-

DUBLIN. December 30.—A third incendiary attack was made this evening on the business offices of the Freeman's Journal. Men entered the offices and exploded a bomb, which filled the place with smoke, but did little damage. Catholics of the archdiocese of Tuam are reminded that armed renistance to the crown is untawful by the Most Rev. Thomas P. Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam, in a letter he has just insued He also warns against secret societies, saying:

"Under the new camen law members of secret societies that plot against the church or state are ipso facto excommunicated. Oahs taken by members of such societies have no binding force and those who joined them must leave. They will also cut their connection with secioties whose members may be called upon to commit murder by shooting screents of the crown or civilians."

### Bombs in Taxis Wreck Cars and

Stir Quaker City

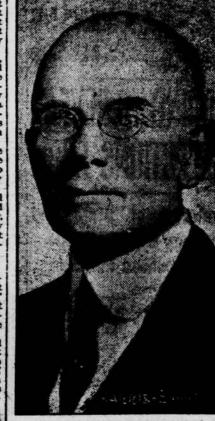
PHILADELPHIA, December 31.—Two bombs placed in taxicabs in widely separated parts of the city, but timed to explode simultaneously, demolished the cabs last night.

One in the heart of the theater district, near the Believue Stratford Hotel, caused a near panic among the hotel guests, members of the nearby Art Club and Union League Club and theater patrons. The other explosion took place near the

theater patrons. The other explosion took place near the North Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania railrond. No one was injured in etiher case. The taxicabs were owned by the Quaker City Taxicab Company, employes of which have been on strike for several weeks. Police found a crude bomb, made of a section of lead pipe and stuffed with explosives and cotton, at the scene of the North Philadelphia explosion.

## DR. KINGSMAN DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

One of Best Known Homeopathic Physicians of City. Masonic Funeral Monday.



Dr. Richard Kingsman, one of th best known homeopathic physicians in the District of Columbia, died to-The mishap to the Benning plant was characterized today by General Superintendent L. E. Sinclair of the Potomac Electric Power Company as the strangest accident the company had ever experienced, and one which power station workers. Fortunately, Mr. Sinclair, whose office is in the city, was on his way to the plant when the accident happened. day, after a month's illness, at his

Dr. Kingsman was a Washingtonian ber of years he was connected with the Indianapolis Journal and the La Fayette Journal of that city.

the Indianapolis Journal and the La Fayette of that city.

He accepted a position in the government again within half an hour from the time that it abrupily stopped. However, the low tension system downtown was not restored until after a delay of exactly one hour and three minutes.

Investigation is Made

Into Power Plant Accident;

Report Not Yet Ready

The Public Utilities Commission announced today that it is investigating the accident at the Benning plant of the offone Electric offer of his death. He has been president of the offone Electric offer offone completed a formal report.

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The Public Utilities Commission announced today that it is investigating the accident at the Benning plant of the offone Electric offer offer offer years. It was during his occupancy of the latter office that he studied medicine, and, on being graduated, in 1836, resigned his government position to devote his entire time to his profession.

A republican in politics, Dr. Kingsman has always been prominently identified with public affairs in the District. He was a member of the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church and was a Mason of high degree, being a member of Washington Naval Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M.; Temple-Noyes Lodge, F. A. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar, and a Scottish Rite Mason.

He was a director of the Homeopathic He also was a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the Medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy and for six years served as a member of the medical staff of the Homeopathy a

Dr. Kingsman married Miss Katherine Shaeffer of Middletown Ohio, and is survived by her; one daughter, Mrs. Harold A. Pelton, wife of Lieut. Harold A. Pelton, U. S. A., now stationed at Camp Lewis, Wash., and two grandchildren.

#### **WILLERS GIVEN 5 YEARS.**

Ex-Captain Still to Be Tried for Theft and Embezzlement.

John A. Willers, a former captain in the Army, who when arrested at New York on December 7. claimed that he had acted as a German spy while serv-Leavenworth, it was announced today at the War Department. Willers still is to be tried on charges of theft and

embesziement.

The former captain, who said he had come to the United States as an agent of the German government, is charged with absconding with \$5,000 of the funds of his company on December 19, 1918. His company, I, of the 48th Infantry, then was stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

#### GEORGETOWN JUNIOR PROM.

Plans for the forthcoming Junior "prom" at Georgetown University give promise of one of the most successful events of the kind ever held by the student body. New York the juniors are trying to outdo the sophomores, who are giving a tea dansant January 14. One of the largest orchestras in Washington also has been engaged, according to Arthur F. Lynch, chairman of the committee, so that there will be no rest for the dancers. It is planned to give the dance February 7.

In addition to Mr. Lynch, the committee comprises Edward J. Smith. John F. Donahue, Charles A. Daily and John F. Walsh.

### NAMED TO RUMANIA.

President Picks Peter A. Jay of Rhode Island.

The nomination of Peter Augustu Jay of Rhode Island to be minister to Rumania was sent to the Senate yes-terday by President Wilson.

## PROF. ROGERS FINDS **BLAME IN CONGRESS**

Discusses Legislative Inefficiency and Presidential Autocracy in Address.

Congress must put its own house in order if it expects to get back the power and prestige it once possessed and which have gradually passed into the government, according to Prof. Lindsay Rogers of the faculty of the University of Virginia, who addressed the American Political Science Association on the subject of "Legislative Inefficiency and Presidential Autocracy" at its final session yesterday.

The paper of Prof. Rogers was one of the most notable heard during the of the most notable heard during the three-day meetings of the American Historical Association and five affiliated

ocieties.
Assuming that the last Congress Assuming that the last Congress consumed thirty days in roll calls, the Speaker said that instead of being representatives of the whole people, the members of Congress too often were but diplomats who came to Washington to represent their fellow restricts.

partisans in their own districts.

"Peanuts against lemons are often the great issues in legislation," said the educator, "or else it is the merits of a small river in Ohio as opposed to one in Florida."
Suggestion was made that this country adopt a modification of the French

system, where there are some sixteen commissions in the chamber of deputies that meet daily or weekly with the several department heads. The prime reason for the present condition which leads to charges of presidential autocracy, the speaker added, was legislative inefficiency. He said that President Wilson's dictatorship was not dangerous because of the power exercised, but that it had sometimes been obnoxious because of a lack of Historical Associations Elect.

M. Jean Jules Jusserand, ambassa dor from France, was elected president of the American Historical As dent of the American meeting, being sociation at its annual meeting, being sociation at its annual meeting, being elevated to that position from the office of first vice president, which he held during the year just closed.

The American Catholic Historical Association held its election yesterday evening, naming as president Dr. James J. Walsh, K. S. G., of New York city. Other officers elected were Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., editor of the Catholic Encyclopedia, first vice president; Rev. Dr. Ryan, C. M., president of Kenrick Beminary, St. Louis, second vice president; Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly of Cleveland, treasurer; Rev. Peter Guilday, Ph. D., of Washington, secretary, and Miss Frances Brawner, Washington, archivist.

#### FARM PROBLEM RELIEF DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS

American Association Meets in Auditorium of National Museum

Government officials, agricultural experts and professors at leading universities of the United States met universities of the United States met in the auditorium of the new National Museum to discuss measures for the relief of the farm problems, from production to final consumption, at today's session of the eleventh annual meeting of the American Farm Economic Association.

C. Morrill of the bureau of markets of the Department of Agriculture discussed the legal status of collective bargaining and measures before legislators on Capitol Hill relative to regulation of co-operative farmers' combinations.

He was followed by Prof. Asher.

Farm labor problems were discussed last night by D. D. Lescohier of the University of Wisconsin, and the farm power problem was treated by H. R. Tolley of the United States bureau of public roads.

The sessions will continue throughout this afternoon and tomorrow. The wind-up features will be a New Year dinner tendered by members of the local association to-visitors tomorrow. Retrenchment In Advocated. Retrenchment by the farmers of the

Retrenchment by the farmers of the United States as a necessary measure in event of continued high prices of farm machinery and farm labor was advocated yesterday by Dr. H. C. Taylor, chief of the office of farm management of the Department of Agriculture, speaking before members of the American Farm Economic Association in the National Museum auditorium.

Dr. Taylor told the members of the association, who are virtually the representatives of state and county States and the channels for the dis-tribution of national agricultural ed-ucational matters, that the retreach-ment must come by reducing pur-chases of farm machinery, in order to place the agricultural industry of the country on a stable basis for the

The present depression, he said, was not caused by overproduction, but by underconsumption, since there are literally millions in the world today who are underfed.

"The present situation," he said, "relative to prices of farm products is recognized by all thoughtful people as discouraging and in some instances disastrous. In the first instance, the farmer is bound to suffer, and in the end all who produce for the thirty-five million farm folks are bound to feel the effect of the farm's declining purchasing power."

### STOPS SALE OF CANDY

Health Officer Finds Indigestible Product in Several Shops.

Health Officer William C. Fowler announced today that he has ordered several establishments in the District to discontinue the sale of candles which health department chemists the floor and it was soon dry. to discontinue the sale of candless which health department chemists say contain uncooked cornstarch.

While this does not render the candy impure, Dr. Fowler stated, it makes it indigestible and, therefore, it indigestible and, therefore, injurious to health.

Dr. Fowler also announced that hi Dr. Fowler also announced that his inspectors recently obtained samples of butter from two large desiers which the department states is below the standard required in the District. Dr. Fowler said the butter in quastion contained insufficient fat and an excess of moisture. The health officer said he has decided to refer one of these cases to Police Court for action. He has not decided what action he will take in the other case.

Mckiniery Circle, No. 2, Abraham Lincoln Circle, No. 3, and Gen. Beck Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potomsc, are to be at home to the department commander and staff of the G. A. R. and all veterans and friends in the red parlor of the New Ebbitt Hotel, tomorrow afternoon, from a to 6 o'clock.

ASSIGNED TO CAMP DIX. Col. William B. Ladne, Corps of Engineers, at Philadelphia, has been assigned to duty at Camp Diz. N. J. with the 1st Engineers.

AT \$1,000-A-PLATE DINNER FOR BENEFIT OF STARVING CHILDREN OF EUROPE CLASSIFYING BODY PROMINENT AT \$1,000-A-PLATE DINNER FOR



HERBERT C. HOOVER, THE VACANT CHAIR, AND GEN. PERSHING AT THE SPEAKERS' TABLE.

# IN 1920, IS REPORT

#### Record in U. S. for Year Contrasted With 1919 by Tuskegee Institute.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., December 31.ynchings were less numerous during 1920 than in 1919, records compiled at Tuskegee Institute show. Sixty-on persons, including eight white men, were put to death by mobs this year, as compared with eighty-three last year and sixty-eight in 1918.

The report shows fifty-six instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings during 1920, and that fortysix of these instances were in south ern states. Armed force was used to repel would-be lynchers on fourteen occasions, and in four of these the mobs were fired on and seven of the attackers were killed and a number wounded. In forty-two cases prison-ers were removed, or the guards were augmented, or other precautions taken.

Total Lynchings in South. Of the sixty-one persons lynched, the report says, fifty-two were in the south and nine in the north and west. south and nine in the north and west. One of those put to death was a negro woman. Eighteen of those lynched were charged with attacks or attempted attacks on women; three were burned to death, one of whom was charged with attacking and murdering women and two for killing landlords during disputes, the report says. The offenses charged against the white men were: Murder, 5; insulting women, 1; "no charge except being a foreigner," 1; killing officer of the law, 1.

Offenses charged against the negroes lynched were: Murder, 5; attempted murder, 4; killing officers of the law, 5; killing landlord during dispute, 6; rape, 15; attempted rape, 3; assisting fugitive to escape, 3; wounding another, 2; insulting woman, 2; knocking down guard, "escaping from the say of the law, and the returning and ther returning and there is a to death was a negro wharf to Georgia avenue and W street to wharf, 1 a.m.

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at He was followed by Prof. Asher
Hobson of Columbia University, who
outlined the principles of collective
bargaining, which would insure a
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cussed last night.

Told To Quit Business

Fourteenth and East Capitol streets
to 35th street and Prospect avenue
to 35th street and

curred and the number in each state were: Texas, 10; Georgia, 9; Missis-sippi, Alabama and Florida, 7 each Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma and California, 3 each; Arkansas Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia an West Virginia, 1 each.

#### **EDUCATORS SEEK THRIFT** SECRETS TO AID CHILDREN

Planned to Teach Federal Reserv Bank Methods in Public Schools.

RICHMOND, Va., December 31.—
State school superintendents, representing Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, met in conference here today with members of the government savings organization of this federal reserve district. to discuss and work out plans whereby the study and practice of their principles of thrift may be correlated with and made a permanent part of public school work in this district.

The meeting was held in the offices of Harris Hart, superintendent of the department of public instruction of Virginia. It was attended by the following:

SELECTIONS SOON

(Continued from First Page.)

future, would be sufficient basis for the new peace society.

He proposed that such a declaration be appended to the Knox peace resolution, which he plans to reintroduce at the extra session of Congress after March 4.

The purposes of this resolution were set forth at length in the memoran-

Flood at Woodward & Lothrop's Comes From Elevator Shart. A small pipe in an elevator shaft in the store of Woodward & Lothrop burst about 11 o'clock this morning and water flowed over a portion of the main floor. The basement was flooded before employes could shut

gloyes had a floor and it was so.

"At Home" at New Ebbitt.

U. S. Grant Circle, No. 1; William McKinley Circle, No. 2; Abraham Lincoin Circle, No. 3, and Gen. Beck Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potemac, are to be at home to the General Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potemac, are to be at home to the General Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potemac, are to be at home to the General Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potemac, are to be at home to dical hospital, where he was placed and the Grand Army of the Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potemac, are to be at home to the Grand Army of the Grand Army of the Grand Army of the Circle, No. 4, Ladies of the Grand Army of t

#### LAST CAR SERVICE FOR NEW YEAR CELEBRANTS INAUGURAL PLANS

**Most Satisfactory Visit to** 

President-Elect.

President-elect Harding has put

by Edward B. McLean, chairman of

the inaugural committee, and has ex-

Larger Committee Quarters

State Societies Make Suggestion

LIMITS TO \$10,000 U.S.

from Marion today.

nade shortly. Announc

Schedule Arranged for Tonight on Lines of the W. R. &

Midnight frolickers who remain downtown to "see the old year out Chairman McLean Reports and the new year in" will be afforded special service by the Washington Railway and Electric Company, which has arranged the following schedule for tonight, leaving:

Ninth and G to 11th and Monroe streets, 1:45 a.m.
Ninth and F streets to Brookland, Treasury, Columbia and District line, 1:30 a.m. Ninth and G streets to Soldiers

Home, 2:10 a.m. Ninth and G streets to Forest Glen. Ninth and G streets to Takoma Park, 12:59 a.m. Ninth and G streets to Brightwood Ninth and G streets to Anacostia and

Congress Heights, 1:15 a.m.
Wisconsin avenue and M street to
Rockville, 11:50 p.m.
Wisconsin avenue and M street to
Alta Vista, 12:30 a.m. Alta Vista, 12:30 a.m.

Wisconsin avenue and M street to Somerset, 1:40 a.m.

Ninth and G streets to steamboat wharf, 2:46 a.m.

Ninth and E streets to Mount Pleas. ant, 1:27 a.m. Ninth and F to 13th and D streets northeast, 2:10 a. Ninth and F street to Cabin John Bridge, 1:29 a.m.

quarters that the name of Charence Norment has been added to the gen-eral inaugural committee.

JACKSON, Miss., December 31.— Following two days of practically

ontinuous conferences, C. S. Doyle, chief counsel for the 169 fire insurance companies involved in the antitrust suits brought by the state revenue agent, informed the state agents last night that an attempt at an agreement had falled and that he

saw nothing for them to do but to cease business.

The many conferences held here between state officials, interested business and professional men of the state and counsel and agents for the insurance companies have not re-sulted in anything definite.

Due to Underconsumption.

The present depression, he said, was not caused by overproduction, but by underconsumption, since there are literally millions in the world today who are underfed.

"The present situation." he said, "relative to prices of farm products is recognized by all thoughtful people as discouraging and in some instances disastrous. In the first instance, the farmer is bound to suffer, and in the end all who produce for the thirty-five million farm folks are bound to feel the effect of the first instance, the farmer is bound to suffer, and in the end all who produce for the thirty-five million farm folks are bound to feel the effect of the farmer declining purchasing power."

Share Rest Advected.

Among other items advocated by Dr. Taylor in the readjustment of the industry were:

Paying for use of farms by share rent rather than by cash, which will enable the tenant to have possibilities of depression shared by the owner. The improvement of rural community and social life, since the day when the farmer can afford to tour to the city in his automobile with cash to spend is not present with a depressed market.

PIPE BURSTS IN STORE.

Supt. Hart, M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent of education of West trained to feducation of the contact of education of North Carolina; Dr. E. C. Kimball, super-toguet the President to negotiate a perintendent of education of North Carolina; Dr. E. C. Kimball, super-toguet the President to negotiate a treaty of amity and commerce with carolina; Dr. E. C. Kimball, super-toguet the President to negotiate a treaty of amity and commerce with a feet of the farms, allowing purposed as an amendment, would domain to the governor of the effect of the farms, and vocated by an indicated by a simple of the principles of thrift is proposed as an amended. The savings organization of the governor of the educational division of the industry were:

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## SLASHES OWN THROAT.

Bural Letter Carrier Had Been A cused of Robbing Mails. BRUNSWICK, Ga., December 31 .-

"They may easily reach the one-hundred-thousand-dollar mark next March if some check is not put upon them," said Senator Borah. He said that while this did not appear to be a that while this did not appear to be a great amount, as appropriations go now-a-days, it was an accumulation of such appropriations that made the total government expenditures so large. If the new administration is to stand for economy, he said, it might just as well start in with economical expenditures."

Senator Borah said he had no obsection to the citizens of Washinston. James H. Warren, twenty-two, a rural letter carrier at the Brunswick post office, arrested late yesterday afternoon, charged with robbing the mails, while being questioned in the

# IN PERILOUS PLACE FOR BALL RENT ACT

Lieut. Col. Albert Quits Army D. C. Business Interests to and Gives Up Post as Commission's Head.

Deprived of its directing head, and it has occupied since the commission tenants. Lade its report to Congress nearly a year ago.

Lieut. Col. F. W. Albert of the engi Lieut. Col. F. W. Albert of the engineering department, War Department, today severed his connection with the Army, and went back to civil life, thereby also severing his connection as acting director of the headquarters staff of sixteen persons.

Victor H. Dodge, detailed from the Department of Justice as secretary to Col. Albert, therefore suddenly found himself at the head of the small staff of workers who are ensconsed in a few rooms on the third floor of

staff of workers who are ensconsed in a few rooms on the third floor of the census office building, at 4th street and Missouri avenue.

"The work will go on, as far as I know," declared Mr. Dodge. Recently the staff has been supplying Repretentative Lehlbach with material and figures which were used in the preparation of the revised reclassification bill introduced recently by the representative from New Jersey.

Departments are Restless. PLEASE HARDING Departments Are Restler It is understood, however, that since the headquarters staff is now without

the official head, Col. Albert, who was assistant to the director, Herbert Fleming, and who was put in full charge when the director left last March, the departments which have detailed clerical and statistical workers to the staff are beginning to get is stamp of approval upon the plans

Cutting of forces throughout the departments and consequent reduc-tions of office workers in various departments have made efficient workers more precious, with the results that some of the administrators in the depressed himself as being highly pressed himself as being highly partments are looking to the recall pleased with everything that Mr. of their detailed workers.

The reclassification commission long ago ceased to have any funds of its own, and the detailed workers have been paid out of their own departments funds, their services having McLean and his committee has done thus far, according to Chairman Mc-Lean, who returned to Washington Mr. McLean said that the senator been allowed to continue by adminis-trators because of the importance of the work involved. was especially pleased with the various features which have been pro-Mass of Statistics posed in connection with the inang-

The reclassification commissioners left a great mass of statistics concerning government workers in an unfinished state. It was important to the entire federal service, and also Within the next few days announcement will be made by Chairman Mc-Lean of the inaugural committee of the acquisition of additional quar-ters for those in charge of arrange-ments. It has been found necessary

to the entire federal service, and also to Congress, that this part of the report of the commission be brought strictly up to date.

From time to time Mr. Lehlbach has called upon the staff for information, and has found the statistics very valuable. This work is practically completed now, however, and how long the departments will allow their workers to remain "outside the fold" was the big question today.

Sixteen departments and independent establishments are represented among the workers, no department having more than one worker detailed to the headquarters staff. to have one or more large rooms where the various committees and subcommittees may meet regularly and otherwise transact their business. Several places are now under

> **BUREAU ISSUES RULING** ON INCOME TAX RETURNS Regulations for Basis of Value

> > Interest to Merchants and Manufacturers.

Word to this effect has been recived at committee headquarters in the Willard Hotel from Adjt. Gen. Stevens, commanding the Massachuseitz National Guard, who stated in a letter that the state is going to appropriate \$76,000 to pay the expenses necessary. He said, also, that the troops will come to Washington by water.

Flan of Civic Organizations.

Flan of Civic Organizations.

The committee on civic organizations is almost entirely organized and is moving along rapidly in its preliminary plans, according to announcement at headquarters by T. Lincoin Townsend, chairman of the committee. Within the past few days Chairman Townsend, chairman of the committee. Within the past few days claiming the current bid price prevailed many ideas, several of which are expected to be among the greatest features of the inaugural celebration.

Mr. Townsend is waiting for Chairman McLean's return from Marion for his approval before making public the details of his plans in their entirety. Mr. Townsend expects to have expenses on the subject to have expensed as such prices.

Regulations that will give some religions such as obtained on December 15, when many firms on the many firms on their 1919 income tax, have was drawn up by thirty of the country's leading ordnance men began to work a section on their 1919 income tax, have drawn in the manufacturers may adopt "cost or market, whichever is lower," as a basis for valuing their inventories for an absociation with its 3,800 members of the society and throw section.

Col. James L. Walsh of Washington by the fall of prices durated in arrivers o Mr. Townsend is waiting for Chairman McLean's return from Marion for his approval before making public the details of his plans in their entirety. Mr. Townsend expects to have at least 20,000 persons in the civic division of the parade, of wohm probably one-fifth will be men and women of the District. He expects also to give the preference to Ohio, the home state of the President-elect. Next in consideration will come the home

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ever basis taken will be subject to investigation, the revenue bureau announced, and taxpayers must satisfy the bureau of the correctness of the prices adopted.

Regulations covering deductions from net income permitted taxpayers for depletion of mines, oil and gas wells and for depreciation of improvements also have been issued by the bureau of internal revenue.

Owners of mineral deposits under the regulations are to secure through an aggregate of annual depletion and depreciations deduction the return of either capital invested in the property or the value of the processor. land values for purposes other than the extraction of minerals. The reg-ulations cover in detail the various factors to be taken into account in

# Inauguration headquarters has received suggestions from several state societies regarding a plan to have each state represented in the parade by an artistic float. These suggestions will be taken up by the executive committee at an early meeting. Frederick D. Owen, chairman of the committee on street decorations, also announced his intention of opening headquarters within a few days. Announcement was made yesterday of the appoitment of Harry Norment as a member of the general inaugural committee. State Societies Make Suggestions. Illustions cover in detail the valuations cover in detail the valuation of accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the factors to be taken into accourt accordance in the fa **OUT AFTER 40 HOURS**

Hope of Agreement in Murder Trial of Cleveland Judge Believed Faint.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 31 .-SUM FOR INAUGURATION Hope that the jury in the case of A joint resolution limiting to \$10.000 the sum to be expended by the federal government for the ceremonies attendant upon the inauguration of Harding and Coolidge will be introduced in the Senate Monday by Senator Borah of Idaho.

Senator Borah said today he had been informed the expenditures of the been informed the expenditures of the last presidential incommendation. been informed the expenditures of the government at the last presidential inauguration amounted to about

The last rumor from the juryroom this morning was that thirteen ballots had been taken, the last one standing ten votes for conviction and two for acquittal.

I. C. C. and Shipping Board Will

#### F. D. FLETCHER DIES.

Chief Clerk of Division of the War Department.

# FAVOR SUBSTITUTE

## Support Measure of Senate Committee.

Washington business interests will threatened by the departments with support the Senate judiciary committhe withdrawal of its component units, tee measure reported yesterday as a the headquarters staff of the old re- substitute for the Ball bill repealing classification commission today found the section of the District code auitself in the most precarious position thorizing the summary eviction of

> What the substitute measure de is to give tenants an additional five-oay leeway over the time now con-sumed in eviction proceedings. While there was still evidence today of a general feeling that no legislation along this line s required the existing law adequately meeting the situation, there is no disposition

to oppose enactment of the Senat Call Substitute Bill Fair. Real estate operators, members of the bar and bus.ness men generally declared the substitute bill can do no injustice, whereas the Ball bill, they say, would have produced business

say. would have produced business stagnation.

"What we need now is confidence in business conditions." declared Thomas Bradley, head of the real estate division of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, who expressed approval of the Senate measure. "The substitute bill will help to restore confidence. When this condition is reached building activity will be commenced and we will get

dition is reached building activity will be commenced and we will get back to normal conditions."

Mr. Bradley's statement appeared to sum up the views of real estate men generally.

A. A. Hoehling, jr., head of the District Bar Association committee which conveyed to the Senate committee the association's opposition to the Ball bill, also expressed satisfacthe Ball bill, also expressed satisfac tion over the substitute recommenda-tion. He said the Bar Association would stand back of the measure if the Senate felt any change in exist-ing law is needed.

Home Owners Are Satisfied. Home Owners Are Satisfied.

Home owners who have been unable to obtain possession of their homes are satisfied with the bill as far as it goes, but point out that it does not cover the conditions which have worked a hardship in their cases. Many home owners have been trying for months to get possession of property they have purchased in good faith, but have been prevented from doing so because of the action of tenants in contesting right of possession and appealing the cases. Charles N. Joyce, representing the newly sion and appealing the cases. Charles N. Joyce, representing the newly formed Home Owners' Protective Association, will bring this phase of the general situation to the attention of Congress. The association will meet Saturday night to consider requesting a formal hearing by the Senate.

#### ENGINEERS TO AID ARMY AND NAVY WHEN NEEDED

American Society Organizes Section to Push Emergency Ordnance Production.

Announcement was made yesterday that the American Society of Mechanical Engineers has organized a professional section on ordnance to work with the military authorities, the object being to link the engineers of the country with the Army and Navy for quick and effective production of ordnance in time of war or other

emergency.

The announcement came from the society's headquarters at 29 West 39th street, New York city, and is the result of a plan which engineers and sult of a plan which engineers and sult of a plan which engineers and

#### TAKE UP TARIFF SOON.

Committee Activity Starts Next Week-Many Changes Asked. Committee work on the emergency

ing chairman of the senate inance committee, said yesterday. He returned from a conference with President-elect Harding. The senator indicated that hearings would not be held. Senators from eastern states reported vigorous efforts by business interests toward removal from the bill of many articles listed for tariff raises, while western senators said they were besleged with requests to include more commodities under tariff protection. It was evident that many amendments to add new articles would be offered, despite the belief of republican leaders that widening of it would add to difficulties of getting it through the Senate.

Predictions of failure of the House bill through Senate inaction or presidential veto were widespread among senators of both parties. nittee, said yesterday. He returned a conference with President-elect ling. The senator indicated that

### LIFT EMBARGO AN ARMS.

Railroads Can Accept Shipments for Mexico After January 1.

Railroads in the United States will be permitted after January 1 to accept small arms and small arm ammunition for shipment into Mexico, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced.

A proclamation of the President, is sued July 12, 1919, placed an embarge on shipments to Mexico of all arms and ammunition except those authorized by the United States government.

Name Joint Committee. The Interstate Commerce Commis-

ion and the Shipping Board have eached an agreement for the appoint-Frank D. Fletcher, for many years chief clerk of a division in the War Department, died suddenly December 24, in North Tonawanda, N. Y., according to word just received in this city.

Mr. Fletcher resided at 1464 Rhode Island avenue northwest. He was taken ill several months ago and went to the home of relatives in North Tonawanda to recuperate. His condition grew much better and his death same as a surprise. He was about fifty-five years old.

A sister, living in New York, is believed to be his only surviving relatives. ment of a joint committee to carry out the related terms of the shipping

TWO ORDERED TO COBLENZ. Capts. Robert A. Radford and Harry O. Tunis, Corpe of Engineers, this city, have been ordered to Coblenz, Germany, for duty with the American army of occupation.